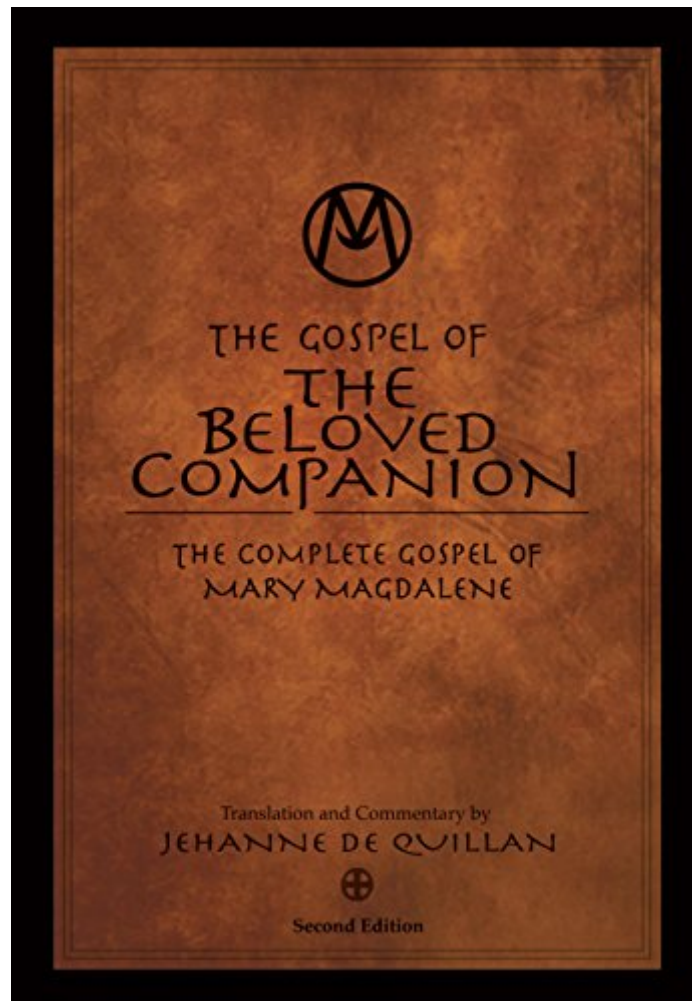


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Synopsis

The Gospel of the Beloved Companion is the first English translation of a previously unpublished first-century gospel of the same name. Originally written in Alexandrian Greek, and brought from Egypt to the Languedoc during the early to middle part of the first century, this exceptional manuscript has been preserved within the author's spiritual community since that period. In this extraordinary book, the Gospel of the Beloved Companion comes alive to bring us a luminously poetic yet starkly objective insight into, and perhaps a new perspective on, the teachings and philosophy of one of the greatest spiritual teachers the world has ever known. Author Jehanne de Quillan presents this translation along with a detailed comparative study between the Gospel of the Beloved Companion and the canonical and gnostic Gospels in a clear and easy-to-read format, leading the reader step-by-step to a deep understanding of this remarkable text and, perhaps for the first time, a clear and unsullied view of the woman known to most as Mary Magdalene.

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By early 1990 I and my family had completed a painful exodus from over fifteen years of extreme

Christian fundamentalism. Having both witnessed and contributed to gross intolerance, judgment and punitive consequences--with the Bible wildly and dogmatically interpreted by our male pastors as "final authority"--I was finally ready to be set free. For years I continued reading the gospels, longing to glean for my self what Jesus had come to say. Fortunately, the spell of literalism had been broken and I could read more thoughtfully and objectively and, as I did, the words sounded contrived, inconsistent and, worst of all, still smacked of fear-based retribution. Many times I closed the book in utter sadness and frustration, knowing something just wasn't right. Angrily, I came to realize that vital parts of the Church-authorized gospels could easily be missing and probably were. Imagining the consequences for the Church (perhaps its total demise), not to mention the risk factor for whoever shed light on their widely accepted legitimacy, I doubted anyone would have the courage to bring an authentic, unaltered gospel to the table. No longer able to read the tainted ones I held in my hand, I closed them altogether. Eventually my spiritual search led me to Gnostic teachings including the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Upon his death, Mary was entrusted with the teachings of Yeshua and for the first time I glimpsed the powerful balance of masculine and feminine energies these two fully-human, fully-conscious teachers embodied. With renewed hope and interest, I knew this gospel held part of what had been wrongfully and strategically missing from traditional gospels--yet its content had gaping holes.

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